



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 18.

Dr. M. K. Kassabian, known as one of the leading investigators in the science of the Roentgen rays and their application to surgery, died in the Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, Tuesday, from cancer contracted in his experiments with the rays. Dr. Kassabian had continued his work after he knew that the result must prove fatal to him and one of his last acts was the correction of the proofs of his monumental work on "Electrical Therapeutics and Roentgen Rays." His experiments had shown how the rays have the power to stimulate the white corpuscles of the blood up to a certain point, after which continuations of the treatment might cause serious evils. He also found when it was too late to save himself how a doctor may protect himself from the evil effects of using the rays. Dr. Kassabian will now go down into history as a martyr to science.

MANY snake stories have been told during the present summer and a turtle yarn comes from Suffolk, Conn. A farmer who lost his footing and fell into quicksand Saturday while dredging an ice pond, owes his life to a big snapping turtle's back. Thinking it was a rock, he climbed on top of it and reached safety. Believing the submerged rock would make a good doorstep, he returned with dredging irons and hauled up a militant snapping turtle. A hotel man bought the turtle and will convert it into soup. Sinbad the sailor in his voyages, it will be remembered, landed on what he supposed was a small island. He kindled a fire when the "island" suddenly made a dive toward the bottom. Sinbad then realized that he had landed on the back of a sleeping sea turtle.

E. F. BOXWELL, of Holsington, Kans., the democrat who swore previous to the election of 1896 that if Bryan was not elected he would not cut his hair until a democrat was holding down the biggest office in the republic, is still unshorn. Mr. Boxwell's hair is now nearly a yard long. He is still firm in his determination to remain away from a barber until Mr. Bryan or some other man of his political faith is firmly seated in the presidential chair. During the civil war a man in Alexandria refused to submit to capillary abridgement until the Southern Confederacy was recognized. He was arrested by the military and not released until he promised to have his locks shorn immediately.

The two little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gould were present when their divorced mother, Helen Kelly Gould, was married to Ralph H. Thomas in New York, last Monday, and several detectives employed by Gould watched the proceedings and prevented the girls from visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Kelly, seeing that they went back directly to the custody of their aunt, Helen Gould. At the same time it was reported from Paris that Frank Gould had been married to Edith Kelly, the actress, five weeks ago. On the strength of his remarriage it is said the mother of the children will try to gain entire control of them. The whole unsavory affair has been made the text for much moralizing and discussion of the marriage and divorce problem in its relation to the idle rich.

It is announced that American producers of oranges, raisins and prunes have practically driven the foreign product out of this market. This is by means of the tariff and of course the consumer pays the high price which the producer sees fit to place upon his goods.

A DELEGATION of colored patriots, most of whom had held office under him, found Mr. Theodore Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill on Saturday chopping down a tree. Fearing that he might tell them to go and do likewise the conference was short, as it was office and not work that the delegation wanted.

Raps Under Child's Bed. Harrisburg, Pa., July 18.—Harrisburg's police and many citizens are puzzled over strange rappings at the home of William Kraft, Elizabeth, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kraft, is just recovering from diphtheria. Two days ago a mysterious rapping at intervals began to annoy the family and neighbors. Detailed search has failed to reveal the source. The raps came from the floor beneath Elizabeth's bed. Some one noticed that the raps came in groups of fourteen. This led to the suggestion that as Elizabeth is 14 years old, the raps may be an omen. Then the police were summoned. They can discover nothing. Sanitary officers have carefully inspected the water pipes and declare the pounding does not come from them. An effort was made to get Elizabeth away from the noises by moving her bed, but the raps stick closely beneath it.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of Alexandria Gazette)

Republicans leaders are at work on a plan to prevent an increased representation in the House from the south under the new census and it is predicted here that the number of the House will not be more than 410. The new census will show many important changes and the politicians are ready to make use of every available advantage. It is expected that the ratio of representation will be about 220,000. Prognosticators figure that the south, not coming Delaware and West Virginia, will show a population of 29,000,000. If this is correct, at the ratio of 220,000, the south will have more representatives in the House than at present. A republican leader stated today that if the population should exceed 29,000,000 the ratio would be increased even if some of the strong republican sections in the north should suffer. The republicans are worried over Oklahoma. They fear that the population of this new state will have increased enough to give five or six additional representatives. A big gain is expected in New York city, which will redound to the benefit of the democrats in the House, but the republicans are concerned that the electoral college that may go to them. If the republicans leaders can carry out their plans, the chief benefits of the new census will be gained by New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio and Minnesota. The republicans are aware that the House with its present membership of 391 is unwieldy and that business was transacted much more quickly and efficiently when the membership was 250. To make good their arguments some of them are advocating the reduction of the membership now to 250. Should the ratio of representation be allowed to remain unchanged, it is estimated that the south would gain about 25 representatives while the north would gain about 35. With the growth and the constant combination of progressive republicans with the democrats, the regular leaders fear that such an increase means the overthrow of the organization. The democrats are planning to block this move on the part of the republicans and they expect to be able to put up a fight that will sweep the republicans off their feet, sending their calculations "sky-west and crooked." The confident expectation of the democratic leaders that they will control the next House gives them double assurance and the fear of such a contingency spurs the republicans on all the more to drastic action.

Sociologists here today attempted to prove by the case of Mary Annetreue, fifty-nine years old, the woman who ended her life by asphyxiation, whether it is actually possible for a person to live in the center of a large city absolutely alone and desolate as if in the middle of a desert. Such appears to have been the strange case of Mary Annetreue. Seven months ago she decided that it was not worth while and penned this note, "Nov. 28, 1909—Wherefore should I live? I have no friends, no money and no relatives. I have no reason or cause to live. Hence I die, Mary Annetreue." The note was turned over to the authorities today by Mrs. B. P. Ashford keeper of the lodging house where the woman finally ended her life after contemplating suicide for more than half a year. Mrs. Annetreue had supported herself by sewing. No one who knew her had least suspicion of her intention, but investigation today seemed to bear out the statements in her farewell note that she had no friends.

A controversy that has arisen between the Virginia Railway Company and the locomotive engineers in its employ will probably result in a call for the services of Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission and Commissioner of Labor Neil, the government's mediators. A telegram was received from the company today asking that the mediators take up the case and a committee of engineers held a conference with Chairman Knapp to make the same request.

Santo Domingo, prospering under the administration of its customs service by the United States, has signed with an American firm a contract for the improvement of the harbor of Santo Domingo city, according to advices received at the State Department today. The present contract calls for the construction of 1,000 lineal feet of sea wall on the east side of the port. This was the first step in a plan to deepen the harbor and provide modern dock facilities. Since the United States took over the supervision of customs collection the republic has laid a large portion of its public debt and has undertaken many public works besides.

The big capital building is undergoing complete interior renovation. Thirty-five workmen are climbing about the dome like so many human ants and the building is being painted from the feet of the Goddess of Liberty to the floor of the lower floor. The highest point to be reached by the painters is 200 feet above the side of the dome on the east side, and 60 feet higher on the west side. In painting the dome proper, an elliptical ladder is used, stretching from the base of the curve to the pillars at the cupola. The exterior with the exception of the wings, will receive one coat, even to the pillars in front of the entrance. An arrangement of hanging scaffolds is used in painting the outer walls, and 40 days will be required to complete the job.

Jesse James, colored, was fined \$10 in the police court here today charged with insulting a lady. He entered a street car, almost pushed a white girl off her seat and when she remonstrated he called her "white trash."

The retail prices of fresh meats here have considerably declined during the past month.

Train Wrecked. Havesville, Ky., July 18.—The Louisville, Henderson and St. Louis passenger train for St. Louis was wrecked by a landslide two miles from here this morning. Fireman John Reynolds was killed and several passengers are reported slightly injured. The locomotive and baggage car were swept from the track and carried two hundred feet.

Edward Heston, a 3-year-old boy in a critical condition in South Bend, Ind., today from poisoning. He ate several ice cream cones the day he was taken sick.

THE CRIPPEN MURDER CASE.

(Dr. Crippen Likely to Escape Punishment if Captured—No Legal Proof Can be Brought Against Him.)

London, July 18.—After hearing the testimony of friends and members of the police force, the coronial inquest into the death of a woman supposed to have been Belle Elmore, the actress wife of Dr. H. H. Crippen, was adjourned today for a month, with the belief growing that, even if arrested, Dr. Crippen could never be convicted of any crime whatsoever.

The sensation of the hearing today was sprung by Dr. Marshall, the police surgeon, who assisted Dr. Pepper, the famous criminologist, in the autopsy on the dismembered form disinterred from the basement of Dr. Crippen's home. Dr. Marshall swore that a prolonged examination of the flesh had failed to furnish tangible legal evidence that the body was even that of a woman. He could likewise furnish no legal proof that a murder had been committed, the remains having been so frightfully decomposed by the quicklime that it was impossible to tell what had caused death. In view of this startling admission, legal authorities declared it would be impossible to convict Dr. Crippen, if captured, unless Miss Leneve could be forced to narrate something of the details of the crime. The police cannot in any other way that a murder has been committed, or that even if they should prove a murder, the body was that of the missing Mrs. Crippen. Under the British common-law it is absolutely necessary to prove the "corpus delicti" before a prisoner can be adjudged guilty.

Railroad Accidents.

Washington, July 18.—An interesting statement of facts from the railroad history of the year ending June 30, 1909, was issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission today. It is the abstract of the Commission's 22nd Annual statistical report.

It shows a single track railway mileage of 236,868, an increase of 3,215 miles. The equipment of the railroads included 57,212 locomotives and the number of cars of all classes were 2,218,280.

The total number of casualties to persons on the railways was 104,348 of which 8,723 represented the number killed, and 5,626 the number injured. The number of passengers killed was 1,563 and the number injured was 10,311. In the year previous 381 passengers were killed and 11,569 injured. Among railroad men the casualties were: trainmen, 1,345 killed, 29,118 injured; switch tenders, crossing-enders and watchmen, 93 killed, 507 injured; other employees, 1,173 killed, 45,581 injured.

The figures show that one employee in every 576 was killed and one employee in every twenty was injured. Among trainmen, engineer, firemen, conductor and other trainmen it appears that one was killed for 205 employed and one was injured for every nine employees.

One passenger was killed for every 3,523, 606, carried and one injured for every 86,458 carried. The total number of persons reported on the pay roll was 1,502,838, or an average of 938 per hundred miles of road.

The par value of railroad stock now outstanding, according to the returns of the companies having to report to the commission was \$17,487,368,935. Of this amount \$13,711,867,733 was in the hands of the public representing a capitalization of \$59,259 per mile of line. The number of passengers carried during the year was 891,472,525 and the number of tons of freight hauled was 1,556,559,741. The average receipt per passenger per mile was 1.928 cents. The operating revenues of the railroads were \$2,410,677,538 and their operating expenses \$1,599,443.

Suicide of a Lover.

Colorado Springs, Col., July 18.—Clutching in one hand a revolver, in the other a lemon, with a note attached reading "From Lottie, July 17, 1910," James S. Hunter was found dead in his room early today, a suicide.

When Hunter fell in love with Lottie Collins, aged 16, and with his love, the girl said not a word but left the room. In a few moments she returned and handed her admirer a real lemon, to which she had attached a piece of paper on which was written: "I love my steady, but oh! you sometimes."

This was too much for Hunter. Crying good-bye to the girl he fled home and killed himself.

Uprising Anticipated.

Manila, July 18.—An uprising of Moros on the island of Palawan is expected to follow the death of three natives who were shot down when they attacked Dean C. Worcester, secretary of interior for the Philippines. The plot against the American official was carefully planned, and Worcester would undoubtedly have been slain but for the vigilance of his body guard, who shot and wounded the Moros as with handbush blades they attacked the secretary. Three were instantly killed and a number of others seriously injured.

Death of Congressman Gilmore.

New Orleans, July 18.—Congressman Samuel L. Gilmore, of the Second Louisiana district, died at his home at Albion Springs early today after an extended illness.

Samuel Louis Gilmore was born in New Orleans in 1859. He was elected to Congress in March 1909 to fill a vacancy caused by the death of R. C. Davey.

Movement for Public Laundries.

Boston, July 18.—Taking a leaf out of the book of the socialist mayor of Milwaukee, the Boston Central Labor Union is to start a fight here for the establishment of public laundries. A committee will call upon Mayor Fitzgerald to that end. Basing their stand upon the crowded condition of the tenements in certain sections of the city the Central Labor Union will insist that the proposed laundries are necessary and warranted by public policy as a health measure.

One car of an eastbound Boston & Maine train was derailed near Ushers N. Y. today, and strikers are accused of tampering with the tracks. The situation has become so serious that the strikebreakers have refused to go to work.

IMPENDING STRIKE.

(Officials of Order of Railway Conductors and Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen in Consultation with Railway Officials.)

Philadelphia, July 18.—When the officials of the order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen went into conference today with General Manager Myers, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, it was admitted that on the result hinged whether the threatened strike would be declared.

The union officials have full power to issue a strike order at a moment's notice. They sought today's conference, claiming that the company had misunderstood their attitude. They planned to explain to Myers and hoped to arrange a compromise. Failing in this, it was conceded that nothing could prevent a general strike.

Presidents Garretson and Lee were hopeful as they entered the meeting. They said there was good reason to believe that a basis on which both sides could agree existed. On the ten-hour work-day demand, they declared they would stand pat, but expressed the opinion that it could be put into effect without greatly adding to the railroad company's expenses.

Officials of the company maintained a recalcitrant attitude. There would be a statement after the conference, but nothing until that hour, they said.

Pittsburg, July 19.—Negotiations between the employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad lines west of Pittsburg and the railroad officials will be resumed this afternoon.

Although the railroad is still making preparations for a strike, especially on its lines east of Pittsburg, the conference here have been exceedingly friendly, it is said today, and the differences will be settled peacefully.

Philadelphia, July 18.—A peaceful settlement of the dispute between the Pennsylvania Railroad and its conductors and trainmen probably will be effected late this afternoon or tomorrow. This was the announcement made by the conference between the railroad officials and a committee representing its employees recessed after a two and a half hour session. The meeting will be resumed later in the afternoon.

President W. G. Lee, of the Brotherhood of Trainmen said: "We expect to meet Mr. Myers again either this afternoon or tomorrow morning with our sub-committee. A whole lot of the apparent misunderstanding have been cleared up, and we are not saying whether we or the company have been making concessions, but we will meet Mr. Myers again."

President Garretson, of the Order of Railroad Conductors, refused to talk beyond confirming Mr. Lee's statement.

Detroit, Mich., July 18.—With hundreds of strikebreakers distributed along the Grand Trunk lines the officials of the railroad are prepared for the strike order which is imminent. Three hundred trainmen and switchmen have voted in favor of a strike unless their demand for a standard wage scale is met, and the Grand Trunk telegraphers are ready to join the moment the trainmen go out.

Port Huron, Mich., July 18.—A strike order affecting all the switchmen and trainmen on the Grand Trunk lines, will be issued at 8.30 o'clock tonight, unless the company grants the men a modified standard wage scale. This ultimatum was delivered to President Charles M. Hayes, of the railroad today, by a committee of employees.

Elizabeth, N. J., July 18.—This city is stirred up over the appointment of a negro to teach in the public schools. The girl is Richie Falson. She was graduated last month at the head of the normal training class of the Batten High school and is not yet 20 years old. She was appointed last week to public school 7, which is in the residential part of the town and is attended almost exclusively by white children. The girl attributes the sentiment which is being aroused against her to the jealousy of a few of her classmates. There were not quite enough places in the public schools for every member of the class, she says, and those who were disappointed immediately began to raise the question of her eligibility. The girl's father, Edward Falson, is in the express business and is reputed to be well to do. He has lived in Elizabeth for a long time. It is said that a petition will soon be presented to the board of education requesting either her removal or that she teach only colored children. The question has never come up in Elizabeth, and there is a good deal of uncertainty as to what the board will do. It is thought likely that she will be put in charge of a class consisting entirely of children of her own race.

Millions to Benefactor.

McDonald, Pa., July 18.—Because of a kindness done to a poor teamster twenty years ago during the oil excitement, Boyce Rankin, who was then clerk in a general store, has been made heir to a millionaire's fortune. The millionaire, once the poor teamster, was Jack Ennis, a Texas oil king, who recently died in Corpus Christi. He leaves his vast fortune to his wife during her lifetime. At her death it goes to Rankin. When Ennis came here prospecting twenty years ago, he was discouraged by his inability to obtain credit, when young Rankin on his own responsibility gave him credit for several bags of horse feed. Ennis readily swore Rankin would never regret the act. Since then he has prospered in both Pennsylvania and the Beaumont oil fields.

Twelve well known Washington, Pa., residents ranging from 17 to 49 years in age today appeared in police court charged with gambling. According to the police, the men were playing poker in the middle of a county road near there, and compelled vehicles to turn into the ditch in order to get around them. When they were arrested there was \$200 in the pot.

William J. Brown, a notorious forger recently sentenced to a seven year term in the New Jersey penitentiary at Trenton, and Charles Berger, pickpocket, under six months sentence escaped from the Camden county jail this morning.

CONDITIONS IN SPAIN

(Political Revolution Anticipated—Flight of Wealthy Spaniards.)

San Sebastian, Spain, July 18.—Wealthy Spaniards are rushing into this frontier city, owing to the dangerous outlook for a political revolution throughout Spain.

The result of yesterday's meeting between King Alfonso and the members of the Spanish cabinet is still being kept a profound secret, but there is good ground for the belief that a military programme was outlined, to be followed in the event the outbreak becomes as serious as forecast. It is thought the constitution will be suspended and military law substituted the moment the authorities believe the situation warrants such drastic action.

Serious strikes are now in Barcelona, Bilbao, Girona, Santander, Gijon and Saragossa. Considerable fighting, accompanied by numerous fatalities, is progressing in all sections of the nation, but this government is suppressing the details and all cable matters are submitted to rigorous censorship. Labor agitators are working hard for a general strike all over Spain and are meeting with considerable success. In every city where the workers have gone out rioting and bloodshed have followed. Troops are being poured into the threatened districts, with orders to tolerate no large gatherings.

Despite the official denials, there is no question that the revolutionists are busy wrecking King Alfonso's train at Villa Dolid, while the monarch was en route to Madrid last week.

Accident to Motor Boat.

Beverly, Mass., July 18.—That Helen Taft, daughter of the president, came very near to a serious accident while sailing off Marblehead, became known here today. No damage resulted, but for a few moments Miss Taft was near for a few moments. The president's daughter had been visiting some friends at Marblehead Neck, and accompanied by Captain Roger Williams, of the Sylph, was speeding homeward in the launch of the yacht when trouble came. Just off Marblehead the propeller of the launch became entangled in a mooring, and the little craft careened badly, almost taking water. The launch motor was stopped at once and a Harvard student living nearby came to the rescue. He dived under the craft and untangled the mooring, setting the launch free. Throughout the incident Miss Taft "sat tight," her rescuer said, and kept a cool head.

Ages of Candidates to be the Issue.

New York, July 18.—With the announcement by Mrs. Donald McLean that Mrs. Mary E. Scott, president-general of the daughters of the American Revolution, is to be a candidate for reelection, it became known today that one of the issues of the campaign for the office would be the ages of the respective candidates.

Mrs. McLean declared that references by the opposition to the age of Mrs. Scott were really funny, and that in her opinion, if the truth were known, it would be found there is not a great difference in the ages of Mrs. Scott and her opponent, Mrs. William Cunningham Story.

"I know how old I am," said Mrs. Story, when told of Mrs. McLean's statement, "but I do not know Mrs. Scott's age, and will make no comment on what it might be."

Pitcher Transferred.

Rochester, N. Y., July 18.—"Lofty" Russell, Baltimore's famous Southpaw was sold this morning to the Philadelphia Americans for \$12,000 cash and is to be delivered this fall. Manager Jack Dunn, of the Baltimore, says both Pittsburg and Cincinnati were after Russell and that he might have gotten even a higher price for the pitcher had he held out, but he wanted to complete the deal, and Connie Mack wired his acceptance this morning. Russell pitches for Baltimore this afternoon against Rochester.

Automobile Accident.

Eureka, Cal., July 18. Secretary of State Charles S. Curry, who is a candidate for the republican nomination for governor, is under care of physicians as the result of an automobile accident yesterday. A car in which he and four others were riding went over an embankment, falling forty feet. All the occupants were more or less hurt, but will recover.

AN UNEXPECTED WIDOW.

Three hours after Frederick Blochert's lifeless body had been picked up at the bottom of the elevator shaft of the Hendrie & Bolthoff Manufacturing and Supply Company's warehouse in Chicago, Emmet F. Taylor, a roomer at the New Bond, the house where Blochert lived, collapsed in the street. Less than four hours later Taylor's body rested on a slab in the morgue beside that of his friend and fellow roomer. About the same time that the ambulance was speeding to the hospital with Taylor in a vain effort to save his life, a heart-broken woman made her appearance at the morgue and claimed Blochert's body as her husband's. She claimed that she and Blochert had secretly been united in marriage in Golden last Saturday.

Rather than face a court trial on charges preferred nearly a year ago, William Lyons, an old-time race track gambler and bookmaker, ended his life by hanging in a cell at the Sixth precinct station Washington yesterday morning. Pinned to his coat was a hastily written note, in which he accused his wife of betraying him with a "Judas kiss."

He was taken into custody Saturday afternoon, after being away from the city since last August, when he jumped \$1,000 bail following his arrest for bookmaking. On August 19, 1909, Lyons, and his wife, Julia A. Lyons, were arrested at their home, 525 Sixth street northwest, on a charge of making handbooks on the races. Both were subsequently released under bonds of \$1,000 each. Before the case was called for trial Lyons left the city, and had evaded the detectives until Saturday.

Charles Gillespie, a former newspaper man, who it has been said, is engaged to Mrs. Mary Kenny Scott Harjo, denied the report in Pittsburg today.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

(Even B. Phillips, a Boston millionaire, is suing his wife for divorce, naming a male nurse as correspondent.)

Brodie L. Duke, the tobacco magnate has given his young bride a handsome business building in Durham, N. C. President Taft will leave Beverly for Maine today to open the campaign in that state.

A cloudburst ruined the tobacco crop and caused \$2,000,000 damaged in three counties of Kentucky on Saturday.

One million immigrants were admitted to this country during the past fiscal year. Twenty-five thousand were rejected.

Only about \$400,000 of the tax on corporations, amounting more than \$27,000,000, remains to be collected by the government.

Ten thousand girls are wanted by the housewives of Maine, according to the state bureau of industrial and labor statistics. That body has started out to supply the demand.

Twelve prelates and priests and twelve laymen of the Episcopal Church yesterday at New York organized a foundation to unify all Christian churches.

A large force of special police is being recruited by Pennsylvania Railroad officials in Philadelphia, Baltimore and other cities to guard its property in the event of a strike on the system.

More than three thousand United States prisoners will be paroled under the operations of the law passed by the last Congress; the work of paroling will probably be started within the next two or three months.

A bill which, if enacted, will compel all bachelors of 25 years of age working for the French government to get married or leave the civil service has been laid before the Senate by Senator Lammalange, of the Department of Cars.

Fire which caused \$300,000 damage to the plant of the Pullman company at Pullman, Ill., yesterday, marked the culmination of the storm which swept over Chicago Saturday night causing loss of life, heavy damage to shipping and many fires from lightning.

Charged in a warrant for first-degree murder with fastening the rope around the neck of Carl Eberington, the student living nearby came to the rescue. He dived under the craft and untangled the mooring, setting the launch free. Throughout the incident Miss Taft "sat tight," her rescuer said, and kept a cool head.

A dispatch to the London Daily Mirror from Paris states that the police have notified Scotland Yard that Dr. Hawley H. Crippen and Miss Ethel Leneve arrived at Dieppe on July 12, and took a train for Paris. It is suggested that Crippen is masquerading as a woman. His gait, effeminate mannerisms, and manner all combine to make such a make-up easy for him.

Ministers of Cleveland, Ohio, attack an editorial written by Rev. William McMahon in the Catholic University, in which he declares that man should be restricted by law in his efforts to fly, and that the Lord never intended that man should fly. Protestant ministers of the city declare that there is no harm in man's attempt to rule the air, and say they believe it was the Creator's wish and desire that he do so.

William H. Jacobs and his son, Charles H. Jacobs, of Aberdeen, Md., had a most remarkable escape from death during a terrific thunderstorm which swept that section Saturday night. A bolt of lightning struck their barn in which both were occupied at the time in unharassing a horse. The lightning came through an end of the building like a flash, and struck the animal, killing it immediately, but both men were only momentarily shocked.

It is announced from Washington that notes have passed between the United States and Italy regarding the case of Porter Charlton, arrested in Hoboken on the charge of killing his wife in Italy. A decision will be reached this week. Prosecutor Garvon of Hudson county, N. J., said yesterday he would seek Porter Charlton free, having no alternative, should the government refuse to grant Italy's demand for extradition.

A trolley car and a delivery wagon each exacted its toll of juvenile death in Pittsburg, Pa., yesterday. At Ford City the 3-year-old son of Meardhard Saffran, a merchant, was ground beneath a trolley car. His neck and back were broken. He had escaped from his mother on a porch and the father, infuriated at what he charged with being her carelessness, knocked her down and was beating her when the police interfered. She escaped and is in hiding. At Canonsburg a 9-year-old John Carmack was run over by a team of mules and his skull was crushed. He ran away from his father into the path of the team and was killed before his helpless parent.

While rushing along through the wooded road halfway between City Island and Bartow, New York, on Saturday afternoon, the first car ever used on the new monorail road between those two points tore away part of the superstructure and crashed over the roadbed, sending more than one hundred passengers flying from their seats and injuring more than a score of them. The accident was said to be due to the fact that the car was so heavily loaded with its human freight that the light structure which held it in place over head gave way under the strain when the car was rounding a curve.

PEACHES DUMPED INTO RIVER.

Thirty carloads of Elberta peaches were dumped into the Flint river, eight miles from Fort Valley, Ga., Saturday as a result of the failure to move the crop quickly. Eighty thousand crates are awaiting cars there. It is feared they will be a dead loss. Already growers here have lost \$100,000 because of the lack of ice cars. The situation is said to be the worst in the history of the industry in that section.

DIED.

Sunday morning, July 17, at 2 o'clock, Mrs. JENNIE KRAMER, wife of Harry Kramer, formerly of St. Mary's Church, high mass, tomorrow (Tuesday) morning at 9 o'clock. Interment in the Presbyterian cemetery.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

(The farm of J. H. Sellman, near Herndon, Loudoun county, containing 111 acres, has been sold to W. H. Moreland, of Clarke county, for \$6,000.)

Thomas H. Wheelan, charged with abducting Bessie L. Robertson, 15 years old has been acquitted, in Petersburg.

The British steamship Bloomfield was attached at Norfolk on Saturday under libel proceedings in which the Coastwise Dredging Company, of Delaware, claims \$15,000.

The Old Dominion Steamship Company has been sued at Norfolk by E. W. Simmons, master, and others, for \$6,000 as salvage for saving the steamship Jefferson.

The marriage of Miss Carolyn P. Nelson to John K. Britain, of Trenton, N. J., took place Saturday evening at St. James' Protestant Episcopal Church, Warrenton, the rector, Rev. Edwin S. Hinks, officiating.

A disastrous fire occurred at Lynch Station Saturday, destroying the storehouses occupied by John D. Richardson, J. J. Anthony & Bro. and Wilkinson Bros., together with the postoffice, central telephone office and a boarding-house kept by Mrs. Richard Smith.

The floodgates of the heavens opened right over Richmond yesterday afternoon and let down a perfect deluge. That was by far the heaviest rainfall of the summer, the exact precipitation from 4 o'clock to eight being 1.74 inches.

During a severe electrical storm Saturday afternoon the handsome residence of L. Bruce Moore, near the University of Virginia, was struck by lightning and partially destroyed by fire. Firemen arrived promptly, but were delayed in getting sufficient water. The total loss is \$5,000. Young ladies from the university, in a pouring rain, aided the firemen in removing the valuable library and furniture to an adjoining residence.

John Fisher, a colored desperado, was shot six times yesterday on a Seaboard Air Line train, six miles from Petersburg. A Fisher resisted arrest and was shot as he was jumping from the train. Three of the shots took effect in the back and one in the right leg. Fisher was brought to the hospital in Petersburg. His wounds will prove fatal.

By the will of Sheriff Clark H. Purcell, recorded in Winchester on Saturday, an estate valued at \$60,000 was left to his widow for life. After her death a home for poor and unfortunate white women is to be founded, to be managed by a board of trustees and known as the "Clark Purcell Home."

Mr. Purcell in his will expresses the wish that his wife marry again, so that she and her husband may enjoy his property.

J. C. Barnwell, aged 45, and Willie, his 8-year-old son, were instantly killed by lightning, which struck their home during a storm at Farmville yesterday afternoon. Barnwell, who was in the sitting room of the home with the rest of his family, was returning to his chair after having lowered a window, when the fatal bolt came crashing through the ceiling. Another son, James, aged 10, was shocked. Barnwell is survived by a widow and eight children. The storm was one of the severest that has visited the Farmville section in many years.

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